

Public Hearing:

## **FACT SHEET**

**TITLE:**

Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program  
Grant

**SPONSOR:** Urban Development

**OPPONENTS:** None Known

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** For

**APPLICANT:** Urban Development

**REASON FOR LEGISLATION:**

The City is the recipient of funding from the State of Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services to provide Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program (NHAP) grants to local homeless service providers. Council approval is required of the resolution approving the grant agreement between the State and Urban Development to administer these funds.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Nebraska Homeless Shelter Assistance Program (NHAP) is funded by two sources: State funds via the Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund (HSATF), and Federal funds via HUD's Emergency Shelter Grant program (ESG). HSATF + ESG = NHAP. For the past several years, Lincoln's homeless service providers received NHAP dollars directly from the State of Nebraska.

This year however, the City of Lincoln qualified to receive HUD ESG funds directly. Instead of having the State administer HSATF funds, and Urban Development administer ESG funds, which would duplicate administration of NHAP grants, both parties understood it was more efficient to combine the funding and administer the grants locally. The attached grant agreement formally provides the City of Lincoln Urban Development Department with Lincoln's share of State HSATF funds. Urban Development will combine these HSATF funds with its ESG allocation to administer NHAP locally.

Approval of the resolution will allow the City of Lincoln Urban Development Department to receive \$530,239 in HSATF funds from the State. These funds will be granted to eight (8) homeless service providers in Lincoln to assist in the alleviation of homelessness, to provide temporary and permanent shelters for homeless persons, and to encourage the development of projects which link housing assistance to programs promoting the concept of self-sufficiency. Urban Development will retain \$5,000 of the HSATF funds for administrative costs.

**POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE:**

None

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**

State: Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust  
Funds (HSATF)

**CITY:**

None

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